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ADDENDUM

With reference to Calendar item "Nonviolent Student Vigil" advised that the permit calls for assembly at the Lincoln Memorial by 1300 hours on 4 July. For approximately one hour the names of Vietnam War deceased will be read from the steps of the Memorial. Following the reading, the group will march to Arlington National Cemetery via Memorial Bridge, where they are to disband.

MPD has received no reporting which indicates any planning for civil disturbance; however, he is aware of the problem of reaction to the demonstrators by tourists and others in the area for Independence Day activities. MPD feels that the FBI estimate is probably high, but has no exact figures.

will advise us of any additional information as it comes to his attention. At present, Intelligence Squad is not mounting any major effort in regard to the protest.

July 4

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - According to information obtained from a leaflet distributed in the Philadelphia area, a rally and a march will be held on 4 July. The leaflet encourages servicemen to participate and cites the Army Regulation which authorizes off-duty servicemen in civilian clothing to attend non-violent demonstrations. The GI-Civilian Coalition is reportedly sponsoring the activities.

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*Gettysburg, Pennsylvania - The York Action for Peace, a peace group from York, Pennsylvania, plans to hold a march and demonstration in Gettysburg on 4 July. The march will begin in Gettysburg and end at the Peace Memorial Light at the Gettysburg National Battlefield. The march will be led by Bruce Martin, Assistant Editor of a local newspaper in York.

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*Venice, California - A "Love-In" is to be held on the beach of the Venice district of Los Angeles. This event is expected to attract an estimated thirty thousand young people. The Free Venice Organization Committee has requested a parade permit to hold a parade on the streets. The request was denied by the Los Angeles Police Commission. Rumors indicate that some of the individuals participating in the activities will be armed and are planning to have a confrontation with police.

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*Cleveland, Ohio - The Cleveland Peace Action Council will host a National Anti-War Conference in cooperation with the University Circle Teach-in Committee at Case-Western Reserve University. Anti-war groups which will participate in the conference are the Student Mobilization Committee, the Seattle GI-Civilian Alliance for Peace, Fort Jackson Eight, Presidio Twenty-Seven Committee, and the San Francisco GI-Civilian Alliance for Peace. The Student Mobilization Committee will hold a post-conference session on 6 July to discuss past achievements and future plans.

SOURCE: GOVERNMENT AND NEWS MEDIA.

RELIABILITY: PROBABLY TRUE.